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## Mr. Allen Writes

### Interesting Letter.

## About Sturdy Farmers of Pages Mill and Bermuda Sections. Tells of Wonderful Development of Lands in these Sections.

To the Readers of The Dillon Herald: As most of you already know I served as carrier on R. F. D. No. 3 from Dillon for a little more than 5 years. During that time I am glad to say that I had as good people to serve as any one but owing to orders sent out by the Post Office Department I resigned to take effect last August. This action while depriving me of a steady job has no doubt been the means of saving my life as I had gone into a decline and I have reason to believe that I had consumption fastened on me, since then I have used a bicycle and have travelled over quite a section of this county and have regained my health to a great extent and weigh about 30 pounds more than I did formerly and strongly recommended the use of a wheel to those of weak lungs. In visiting the different sections I have found much that would interest you were I capable of giving you pen pictures which I feel incompetent to do. In 1873, I think it was, I wrote a deed for a tract of land for Mr. H. H. Hays, the purchase price being five hundred dollars. Mr. Hays lives in the famous Stephens section of county and now owing to developments of his, and those of his neighbors as well as to some other causes Mr. Hays can get \$5000.00 for his farm. I know of another farm (200 acres) which was bought for \$306.00 a few years ago which the owner says that he can get \$4000.00 for it now. While working for the Herald last year I confined my labor principally to that section above the railroad and did not write much of matters elsewhere. I have recently spent several weeks in the lower section but do not know where to start to write. In 1888 I visited the High Hill section, I feel much interest in this section as most every body you meet is a Hays or related to them and my maternal grand mother was a Hays and was raised in this section. About 10 years after my visit or to be exact Feb. 15, 1898, there was a very destructive forest fire that swept over that section which destroyed much property and did a great deal of damage. Such well known citizens as Capt. R. H. Rogers, W. B. Hays and others have passed away. The writer spent one night with T. B. Hays and family, recently and it was a pleasure to be with them. Mr. Hays has practically given over his farming operations to his son, Mr. Rembert Hays. He studies his business and has made more corn to the acre than any one else in Marion County so far as the writer knows. He won the premium of \$350.20 and raised 110 bushels. He has an acre this year that will with seasons to suit do well. It was ploughed and re-ploughed, subsoiled with 2 horses and then with 4, after which it was harrowed and put in the very best condition. The rows are 6 feet apart and each row contains 3 rows of grain each exactly 6 inches apart and there are no missing places, thus making 44,100 stalks and the writer hopes that Mr. Hays will realize his wishes to make another very large yield. The writer will be pleased to visit this family again.

The writer takes pleasure in saying that he has never taken a trip which he more thoroughly enjoyed than the picnic to Lake Waccamaw

on 7th inst. The day was very fine, the railroad service was all that could have been asked for and nothing happened to mar the pleasure of the vast crowd. The sale of tickets realized \$357 from Dillon and \$155.25 from Latta. There has been some misconception as to this matter. Mr. W. A. Blizzard, the Superintendent of the Dillon Baptist Church (and it has never had a better one) made a trip to Wilmington and guaranteed that there should be raised \$231.00 or put up the deficit himself. And he has not been financially benefited one cent. We who went should appreciate his efforts to give us a good time. The writer met an old friend that he has not seen before in 26 years. The Editor was along and the writer will not attempt to have a more extended article but will say that those who did not go missed a most delightful outing. David S. Allen.

### Dots from Sandy Corner

The farmers of this section were getting very blue over the crop prospect but last Monday the drouth was broken by a very heavy rain lasting about forty minutes.

Resetting tobacco is the topic of the day.

Mr. A. C. Moody will soon have his curing barn completed if he keeps on as he has started.

Rev. Allen McFarlin filled Rev. A. E. C. Pittman's appointment at Piney Grove and Bermuda last Sunday and preached to a large audience at both places.

P. A. Moody of Pleasant Hill spent Sunday here with his friends and relatives.

The Holiness People have a meeting of days now going at their church in Hays town just below here.

Mrs. Adline McKenzie of Fork spent last week in this section.

D. W. Bowen and family of Calvary section spent Saturday night in this section visiting friends and relatives.

Hurrah for the New County!  
C. M. C. W.

### The New Railroad.

W. R. Bonsall, promoter of the N. & S. C. railroad, spent Monday in Dillon with a party of New York capitalists, having come down from Hamlet on a tour of inspection over the route of the new railroad in an automobile. Mr. Bonsall said that the work on the extension from Clio to Dillon was progressing rapidly and that the new road would be completed in time to handle a part of this season's cotton crop. The force of workmen has been doubled and it will not be long before they will begin to lay rail. The workmen are now engaged in grading the roadbed. After spending a good portion of the day in Dillon Mr. Bonsall and his party left late in the afternoon on the return trip to Hamlet.

### CLIO'S NEW RAILROAD IS NOW COMPLETE

Connection With Seaboard at Hamlet and Work Being Pushed to Dillon.

Clio, May 6.—The new North and South Carolina railroad has been completed from Hamlet to Clio and a force of hands are working on the grading from here to Dillon. The president of the company expects to have the road completed to Dillon in three months. Over the line a crowd of convicts are grading a Coast Line branch from Laurinburg to John's Station, N. C.

Do not fail to look at my line of clothing, prices, patterns and styles to suit you. Wm. Brick.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

### News From Our Busy Capital

President Taft's new Attorney General, in a speech before the New York Bar Association, has outlined the policy of administration with regard to trusts. Mr. Wickersham declares that his department will prosecute vigorously all large combinations in restraint of trade, but he materially modifies the effect of this warning when he intimates that he will be scrupulously careful not to institute criminal proceedings in these cases where, in his estimation, there has been no wilful violation of the anti-trust law. This modification has brought about the ears of the Attorney General serious criticism from the Democratic press, for it is pointed out that it is almost impossible to discover evidence of a wilful intent to disobey the law and therefore his utterance amounts almost to an assurance that he will deal with the trust evil only through civil suits. Experiment has demonstrated that civil suits have small terror for the men who organize and perpetuate trusts. They are practically commercial gamblers and compared with the large stakes for which they play the paltry fines imposed in civil suits are a mere bagatelle. The opinion obviously prevails among leading Democratic editors, that Mr. Wickersham will deal with the trust with a solicitude and tenderness begotten of his long experience as a corporation lawyer in New York city.

No more remarkable situation ever existed in the national legislature of a great nation than that which confronts all inquirers for information regarding the tariff bill. It is no exaggeration to say that there is just one man out of the nearly five hundred members of Congress who really understands the innumerable schedules of the tariff bill, the effect of their proposed modifications, and the reasons therefor. There are many of course who think they understand one or more specific schedules, but ask any member for clear cut, definite explanations of this or that schedule, the reasons for and effects of proposed increases or decreases and an insistent comprehensive answers, and sooner or later you will get the same reply "Ask Aldrich." The powerful influence which this baneful situation confers on the Senator from Rhode Island, popularly known as the High Priest of Protection, can easily be appreciated. When the tariff bill is finally enacted it will be the work of Nelson W. Aldrich and it is hardly necessary to say that those special interests for which Mr. Aldrich cherishes particular regard will be protected. Even the President himself when consulted as to his views regarding particular schedules is compelled to confess that he is a tyro in the matter, and while he does not say so, it perfectly obvious that he too, is depending very largely on the advice and judgment of the Senator from Rhode Island.

### Mayor's Matinee.

The following cases were tried in the Mayor's court Monday morning:

Burt Huggins, concealed weapons; guilty; \$15 or 30 days.

Oil George, Geo. McLellan and Jno. Hines, disturbing the peace, \$5 or 10 days each.

Dress goods of every description. Prices cannot be competed with. Wm. Brick.

Nobby styles in mens Panamas and felt hats at Wm. Brick.

## Crystal Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ivey celebrated their crystal wedding by entertaining quite a number of friends Monday evening from 8:30 till 11 o'clock. The occasion was one of the most delightful in the social history of Dillon. Their beautiful home on East Main street was made unusually attractive with ferns, potted plants and flowers which had been artistically arranged in the hallway and reception rooms. The guests were met at the main entrance by Miss Jenette McKenzie and Mr. Ernest King and were ushered into the parlor and sitting room where they were received by Miss Isla McKenzie and Mrs. L. Cottingham. In the hallway half-screened by graceful ferns was a magnificent cut glass bowl from which delicious fruit punch was served by Misses Argent Bethea and Ruth Allen. In the dining room a delightful course followed by coffee, ice cream and cake was served by Mesdames W. L. Bethea, Addie McEachern, C. L. Wheeler and J. A. McCormac.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivey were the recipients of many handsome and valuable presents, mainly of cut glass, which testified to the popularity and esteem in which they are held by their large circle of friends.

The following guests were present: Rev. and Mrs. J. I. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bond, Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hamer, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Elliott, Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hamer, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hargrove, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hamer, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Braddy, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Richbourg, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Breeden, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bethea, Mr. and Mrs. W. Murchison, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Blizzard, Mr. and Mrs. I. I. Fass, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wheeler, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. Wade Stackhouse, Mr. and Mrs. L. Cottingham, Misses Argent Bethea, Jenette McKenzie, Isla McKenzie, Ruth Allen, Sallie Holland, Marvin Lessesne, Mesdames Addie McEachern, J. A. McCormac and Maggie Richardson, Messrs. A. J. C. Cottingham, Ernest King, Eugene King, J. B. Gibson, J. D. Manning, Drs. C. Henslee and J. R. Rogers.

### Free State News.

School at New Holly closed Friday. The pupils enjoyed an afternoon picnic with cream and cake for refreshments.

Messrs. John Allen and Ed. Fenegan spent Sunday at Coker College.

Mrs. Kittie Currie of Reedy Creek visited friends down here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Easterling of Tatum with Misses Mary and Ida Easterling, spent Friday with Mrs. Andrew LeGette.

Mr. Henry Allen is at home from Wedge Field for a month's stay.

We are glad to report Mrs. W. A. Ferguson very much better.

Mr. J. P. Rogers attended commencement at Cokesbury last week.

Miss Gertrude Allen and brother Furman of Brownsville spent Sunday in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Jackson of Dillon visited relatives in Free State last Friday.

One of Dillon's pretty young ladies told us the other day that The Herald was the neatest and newest weekly paper she ever saw. As the young lady is a great reader and subscribes to quite a number of leading newspapers we naturally feel puffed up over the compliment.

## Rural Route Requirements.

The Postmaster: In order to expedite the delivery, collection, and dispatch of rural mail, enable rural carriers to cover their routes with celerity, and give the earliest possible service to patrons residing on the far ends of routes, the Department will insist that all rural mail boxes be so located as to be served with the greatest expedition.

You are, therefore, directed to require each rural carrier at your office to submit to you without delay, for transmission to the Department, the names of all patrons whose boxes can not be served without leaving the road, dismounting, driving in deep ditches or on steep inclines, or on or across railway tracks involving danger, or the approaches to whose boxes are obstructed. It is not required that boxes shall be erected beside the wheel tracks, nor on any particular corner of the crossroads; but they must be erected within the confines of the road, and accessible, on any corner.

It is not desirable that boxes be attached to telegraph, telephone, or electric-light poles, or to fences or buildings, but boxes should be securely fastened to neat and strong posts firmly set at the side of the roads, at a sufficient height to be served by carriers without rising from their seats or reaching through wheel spokes.

After boxes have been properly located, and it is practicable to curtail carriers' schedules, postmasters are directed to make report thereof to the Department, and to the proper local road officials and cooperate with them and patrons to the fullest extent, consistent with position and duty, to secure the improvement of the roads. The manifestation of interest and properly directed efforts by postmasters in the good-roads question will in many instances be productive of excellent results.

Respectfully,  
P. V. DeGraw,  
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

### STILL KISSING

A little kissing  
Now and then  
Is why we have  
The married men.  
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

A little kissing,  
Too, of course,  
Is why we have  
The quick divorce.  
—Chicago Record-Herald.

A little kissing's  
Lot's of fun,  
If you can kiss  
The proper one.  
—Cleveland Leader.

A Texas kiss!  
Well, that's no bluff—  
A LITTLE kissing's  
Quite enough!  
—Cleveland Leader.

You don't mean that!  
You think it nice  
To use this fine long  
Fill-up twice.  
—Houston Post.

A little kissing,  
Just the same,  
Leads to more,  
And that's the game.  
—Washington Herald.

A little kissing!  
What a bluff  
To claim one ever  
Gets enough.  
—Savannah News.

A little kissing's  
Not enough;  
A lot of kissing—  
That's the stuff!  
—Boston Herald.

A heap of kissing's  
Just as good.  
For those who like  
That sort of food.  
—Nashville American.

A little kissing  
On the sly  
Is sweeter now  
Than by and by.  
—Yonkers Statesman.

A little kissing  
Is a whirl  
Of joy if it's  
A Texas girl.  
—Houston Post.

The height of bliss the lingering  
kiss.  
When willing lips have met.  
It lifts a fellow out his boots.  
A taste of heaven you bet.

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## A FREAK OF NATURE IN HORRY COUNTY.

I have been asked by some of the people of Horry to ask you to publish in The State a few facts concerning Lake Swamp stream.

After the facts are stated they would be glad if some one, through your paper, would explain. This stream is about 25 miles long, running through Horry county, and emptying into Little Pee Dee above Gallivant's Ferry. While the stream is a small one it is navigable to canoes.

Fish abound in this stream; it is said to be better fishing than the Little Pee Dee.

Two years ago the people in Lake Swamp vicinity noticed that the water was changing its color to a yellow, a muddy color, similar to the water in Big Pee Dee, only when taken into a glass it appeared to be perfectly clear.

When the water began to change its color it appeared to be boiling or rolling up from the bottom. This State of affairs seemed to effect the fish and for a time numbers of them could be seen floating upon the water, dead. Fish, when nearing the top of the water, appeared to be white in color but at this writing the fish appear to be fat and healthy.

The water flowing from this stream into Little Pee Dee colors the water for some distance down the river. The lake is still muddy or the water yellow. What causes this strange change in the water is a mystery and the people look upon the lake and the yellow water in awe.

The oldest people living along this stream say that several years ago the water became yellow as it is now, but in a short time cleared off. But at this time it seems that the water will remain yellow indefinitely.

A great many have tried to give a satisfactory solution of this strange freak of nature, but as yet no one has been able to explain.

The water looks as if it came from yellow clay hills, but this can not be, as the county is level and has no hills, near Lake Swamp Stream.

The physicians claimed that it would be very sickly along this stream, and the people living along on either side could expect nothing but severe cases of fever, but such has not been the case. People living on big Pee Dee river find it very sickly, but such is not the case on Lake Swamp stream.

The people are very anxious to know the reason of this stream changing the color of the water from black and clear water to an ugly sickly, yellow stream.

They are very anxious for a solution of this strange change of nature, and would be glad to hear through your paper, from some one that can explain. Mullins correspondence in Columbia State.

### New County Hearing May 15th.

Commissioner Dillon was notified last week that Gov. Ansel would have a hearing on the amendments to the new county lines which take in Latta, on Saturday the 15th. instant. At this hearing those opposed to and favoring the amendments will appear before the governor and give their reasons why or why Latta should not be taken into the new county. Representatives from Dillon and Latta will appear before the governor and ask for the amendments.

### Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby forbidden to hunt, fish or otherwise trespass upon my lands. Any one violating this notice will be dealt with according to law.

D. H. Hyatt,  
May 6th 1909.